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1. Edvard Kardelj has no real friends and is not liked in Slovenia. He is feared, however, because of his strong position in the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia (FCY), although the Slovene members of the FCY believe that the position of Aleksandar Rankovic is stronger because of the UDB support which he enjoys. Kardelj attempts to meddle in the affairs of PR Slovenia, but Marjan Brezelj, Vice President of the Slovene Executive Council, is hostile to Kardelj's interference, and generally checks it. Kardelj also engaged in a feud with the late Boris Kidric. This animosity began during the period of the Partisan underground activities of the two men. 25X1
2. Kardelj is regarded in Slovenia as a "professional revolutionary" and is referred to as the "professional ideologist of Yugoslav Marxism." He is so permeated with Communist theories that he is unable to observe things in their own light, but only through the prism of Marxist dialectics, and is constantly working on new applications of Marxist-Leninist theories and on revisions of old ones. However, he has no understanding of practical economics. He holds his high position in the FCY and in the Yugoslav Government because he was the most skillful Soviet-style phraseologist among the Yugoslav Communists during the first post-war years. He is still engaged in shaping the foreign policy of Yugoslavia, and is largely responsible for the policy of neutralism and the "Third Force" concept championed by Yugoslavia.
3. Kardelj's father is a retired government employee and together with his wife lives in a small and modest apartment in Ljubljana. This fact greatly impresses the Slovene Communists. Like Kardelj, his father and his brother are cripples. Kardelj's father's spine is partially paralyzed, and his back is permanently bent. Kardelj's brother, who also lives in Ljubljana, suffers from the same illness.

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